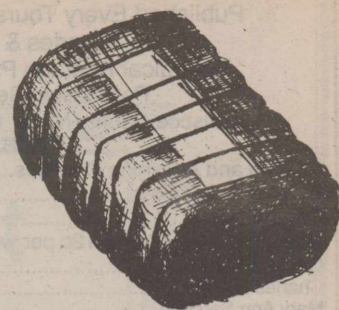


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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

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I'm so proud of our Owls!
They went to Crosbyton last week, under a bit of a cloud as a result of going into the playoffs on a coin flip and played like champions. They totally destroyed District Champion Jayton, and Lazbuddie completed the clean sweep by defeating District Runnerup Rochester. This demonstrates how tough our district is when compared to some of the other districts.

When the Owls received their bi-district trophy and their celebration was really taking off, I was watching the Jayton players. They looked like they were in shock, very sad and very unhappy. They were hugging one another and trying to console one another. It was clear that the prospect of losing the game had not entered their minds. I felt sorry for them because our kids have walked in the same shoes at one time or another.

Community-wide Thanksgiving Service Planned

A Community-wide Thanksgiving Service is planned at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 23, at the County Showbarn in Silverton.

Everyone in this area is invited to attend the service and take part in the fellowship that will follow the worship. Please bring finger foods and snacks for refreshments during the fellowship.

Rev. Jay Stinson, pastor of Silverton United Methodist Church, will bring the message of thanksgiving.

There will be music and praise for the blessings God has bestowed.

WEATHER

NOVEMBER 24-HOUR READINGS

DAY	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP.
1	84	37	
2	65	40	
3	61	27	
4	64	27	
5	78	37	
6	65	31	
7	66	30	
8	71	31	
9	71	41	
10	41	28	.01
11	35	24	
12	46	25	.03
13	36	32	.35
14	44	30	.09
15	30	21	.13
16	32	15	
17	43	16	
18	55	27	
Total Nov. Precip.			.61
Normal Nov. Precip.			.71
Total Precip. Rec'd.			
Year to Date			29.03
Normal Precip. For Year to Date			20.53



Senior players and cheerleaders led the celebration after the bi-district champion Silverton Owls received their trophy at Crosbyton last Thursday night. Pictured are (left to right) Leland Wood, Andy Bullock, Molly Brooks, Jack Cherry, Trey Ziegler, Jared Francis, Michelle Warren, Trey Wyatt, Shauna Kingery, Chris Justice and Will Hester. *Briscoe County News Photo*

Santa Claus is Coming to Silverton Saturday Afternoon

Santa Claus will be visiting Silverton Saturday, November 22, during the Arts and Crafts Jubilee to get the early wish lists of all the children. Santa will be arriving at the Showbarn in Silverton on the fire truck at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. He will be giving away candy and visiting with the children, so bring your cameras and make your children's pictures with Santa.

The Arts and Crafts Jubilee will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. also at the Showbarn in Silverton, and everyone is invited to come and get their Christmas shopping done early. There will be a wide variety of gifts and decorating items available from shops and crafters all over this area. Some of the items available include broomstick skirts, vests with lace, stuffed animals, dolls, snowmen, trees, candle skirts,

birdhouses, wood items, sterling jewelry, decorated napkins, hanging Santas, wreaths, decorated shirts, Cola Santas, can angels, picket Santas and scarecrows, computer letters from Santa, Victorian scrap art, ceramics, rustic picture frames, metal yard art and wood paintings, and many more things for

your shopping pleasure. Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church will be preparing breakfast burritos as well as numerous Mexican food items for lunch. Food items available from other vendors include home-baked goods, spiced tea mix, coffee, hot chocolate, canned sodas, cookie mixes, homemade peanut brittle and peanut patties, and ice cream toppings.

Briscoe County 4-H will have their commemorative afghans for sale and Boy Scout Troop 262 and Pack 262 will have their order forms to order this year's popcorn. Caprock Floral and The Plum Thicket will have their stores set up to make your shopping with them more convenient. Make plans now to attend this crafts show where you can get your Christmas list filled and purchases gift wrapped under the same roof!

Johnnie Burson has been a patient with double pneumonia at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for several days. As of Sunday, it was reported that he was still receiving treatment in CCU.

Cheerleaders to Wrap Gifts at Jubilee Saturday

The SHS cheerleaders will wrap gifts at the Arts and Crafts Jubilee Saturday at the Showbarn in Silverton.

This is your opportunity to get your holiday purchases beautifully wrapped and ready to go under the tree.

Early Deadline For Next Week's Newspaper

The deadline for next week's Briscoe County News will be on Monday due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

In order for the employees of the central printing plant to enjoy a holiday Thursday, some of their newspapers must be printed early.

Public Library Closed Tuesday

The Silverton Public Library will be closed Tuesday, November 25.

Please arrange your library schedule so you won't be inconvenienced by this closing.

Club to Sponsor Christmas Page

Century of Progress Study Club has announced plans to sponsor the Christmas Greeting Page again this year. They are asking those who would like to extend their Christmas Greetings to their friends and relatives through the page in the Briscoe County News to donate the amount they would have spent sending Christmas cards locally.

The greeting appears in the newspaper's Christmas edition, along with the explanation that the money they would have spent mailing cards had been donated to benefit the Silverton Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Services and the Silverton Public Library.

Members of the sponsoring organization are Polly Cagle, Faye Rampley, Annell Davis, Loretha Rhoderick, Junis Hutsell, Norma Vaughan and Jackie Mercer.

Owls Will Be Visiting Team

The Owls will be the visiting team when they go to Groom for their state playoff game with Miami tonight (Thursday). Admission will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

TV Weatherman To Be Guest of Senior Citizens

Doppler Dave Oliver, Channel 10 Amarillo TV weatherman, will be the guest speaker for the Silverton Senior Citizens luncheon and business meeting Friday at noon at the Center.

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish and come enjoy fellowship with this senior group.

Members of the First Baptist Church will be hosts for the luncheon.

Win, Owls!

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Boy Scouts Are Selling Popcorn

The Haynes District Boy Scouts are proud to announce their annual popcorn sale. Over 500 boys from the Silverton area will be selling popcorn as a fundraiser for their Pack or Troop. Income benefits the program in the area as well as the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

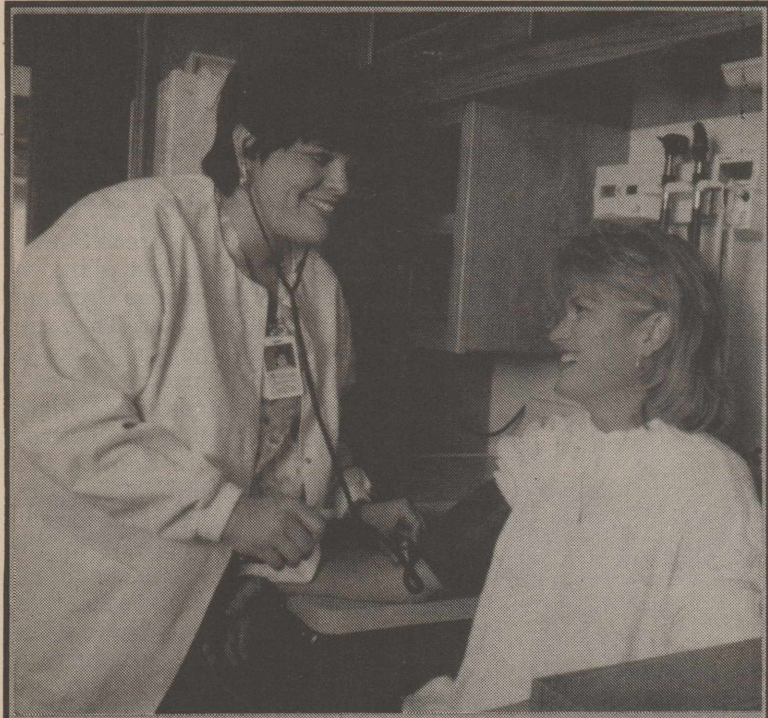
Popcorn is available in many varieties such as microwave, caramel, chocolate crunch as well as fat free flavors. Each are available in a variety of sizes and in decorative holiday tins which make them a perfect holiday gift.

Scouts participating in the sale are eligible to earn commissions and prizes such as Scouting equipment, free summer camp, hiking boots and much more.

Last year's popcorn sale raised nearly \$30,000, all of which directly benefitted the Scouting program in the community in the form of professional services, camping scholarships and outreach programs for underprivileged Scouts.

Without the help of the people of the communities, this would not have been possible.

The Scouts hope to sell even more this year and with your help it will be possible. For more information, or to place an order, contact Peter Buchholz with the Haynes District Boy Scouts at 1-800-658-9310.



Mobile Clinic Staff--Anna Miralez, L. V. N., checks the blood pressure of a patient on the St. Mary Mobile Clinic. Ms. Miralez, one of two staff members on the 36-foot unit, is a bilingual licensed vocational nurse.

Extension Service Sets Cow, Calf Nutrition Workshops

Area cow-calf producers and ranchers are encouraged to participate in a four-part series of workshops focused on cow-calf nutrition issues.

All workshops will be held from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the Ranch and Feedlot Building on the campus of Clarendon Junior College. Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring the series to be led by Donley County Agricultural Agent Leon Church and Dr. F. T. (Ted) McCollum, area beef cattle specialist.

Program topics include nutrient requirements of beef cows, selecting supplements (including

forage quality), mineral nutrition, and health issues. Producers will be offered training in the use of proven decision-aids such as forage testing and fecal sampling. Additional presentations will provide demonstrations of several computer software programs currently available to the cow-calf operator. Body conditioning scoring techniques also will be demonstrated.

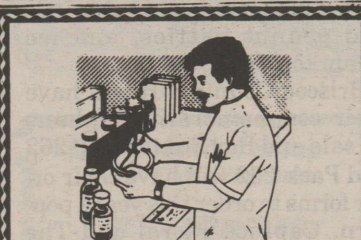
The workshops are free and open to area producers or anyone interested in improving beef cattle nutrition and health. The first workshop is scheduled on Monday, November 17, with oth-



The first English language dictionary was the *Table Alphabeticall of Hard Words*, prepared in 1604 by Robert Cawdry.

ers set for December 8, January 5 and January 19.

To register and receive additional information, contact Leon Church at 806-874-2141, or Ted McCollum at 806-359-5401.



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this Notice: November 12, 1997

1. Notice is hereby given that High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, a political subdivision of the State, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized hereinbelow unless a written request is filed within 30 days after first newspaper publication of this notice.

2. High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 submitted an application for a Texas weather modification license on November 6, 1997.

3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall. The period of the permit is for January 1 through December 31 in each of the years of 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, a political subdivision of the State, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405.

5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and "a target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area including Armstrong, Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Terry and Yoakum Counties, which is the target area and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Garza, Dickens, Motley, Moore, Briscoe, Swisher, Hartley, Carson, and Kent Counties and Quay, Roosevelt, Curry, and Lea Coun-

ties in New Mexico.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as the southwestern part of Armstrong County and all of Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Terry, and Yoakum Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuliform clouds or other appropriate clouds for cloud-seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals, from airplanes equipped with flare racks and/or generators.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or George Bomar, MC 158, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day-notice period to the chief clerk's office, MC 105, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-3300. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides, or owns, property in the operational area; and, (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to the issuance of the permit. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRCC, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363. 47-2tc

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LOOKING BACK

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November 19, 1987-- Silverton's Owls will be on the road to Higgins Friday night for the second time this year. Kick-off for the state playoff game will be at 7:30 p.m. . . . Members of the Owls are Jamie Frizzell, Frank Lowrey, Jon Pigg, Ricky Clardy, Bradley Brunson, Neal Edwards, Robby Weaks, Kendal Minyard, Clay Schott, Robbie McWaters, Ryan Smith, Wayne Henderson, Bryan Ramsey, Denny Hill, Fidencio Reyes, Brad West and Will Rowell. The Owls are coached by Gary Childs, Jack Shely and Kevin Cleveland . . . Silverton firemen answered a call about 6:15 a.m. Monday to the San Jacinto community where the unoccupied home of Mrs. Eula Malone was engulfed in flames . . . Century of Progress Study Club visits Hutsell Jewelry in Childress . . . Venita Asebedo, Alison Grimland and Missy Minyard were accompanied by their teacher, Mary Ann Rauch, to the Branding Iron Theatre in Canyon to see a production of "The King and I" . . . Mrs. Tone Brooks had the misfortune of falling at her home last Wednesday afternoon and fracturing her pelvis . . . Mr. and Mrs. Cam Forbes are parents of a son, Douglas Yance . . .

November 24, 1977-- Owlettes to play Phillips in first round of Queens Basketball Classic . . . Lem Weaver had the misfortune of getting a thumb cut off last Thursday afternoon when he fell into a cotton stripper . . . Ernest Kiker, a Rotan native who earned his degree at Texas Tech University, will be moving to Silverton as the Briscoe County Agent . . . Briscoe County has second largest number of EMTs in Panhandle . . . Staci Hill honored at birthday party . . . Smiling 4-H Club has two new members, Kathy Brown and Scotty Harris. Members at the recent meeting were Kathy Brown, Donna Tomlin, Shellie Cornett, Kristy Fogerson, Scotty Harris, Cal Brannon, Joe Ted Edwards, and Todd Reagan . . . Milton Dudley has been a patient in Swisher Memorial Hospital. He was suffering with pneumonia . . . Mrs. Joe McWaters is recuperating from surgery at Nichols Hospital in Plainview . . .

November 16, 1977--Larry Comer and Barbara Davis received the 4-H Gold Star Awards at the annual Briscoe County Achievement Banquet Tuesday night . . . Receiving 10-year leaders' awards were Mrs. Don Garrison, Johnnie Burson, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Plunkett and Mrs. Buck Hardin . . . Playing their last football game for Silverton High School last Friday night were Randy Cantweell, Tim Mattheus, Harvey Masey, Van May, Lynn Frizzell, Dale Sissney

and Joe Mercer . . . Very light vote in county on constitutional amendments . . . Mrs. Mike Mercer of Lubbock left by plane for Honolulu, Hawaii Saturday morning. She was to meet her husband, Pfc. Mike Mercer, who is stationed in Vietnam, in Honolulu Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mercer and Mrs. Lily Wafford joined Pfc. and Mrs. Mercer in Honolulu Wednesday. All are also visiting Ann Wingo, who lives there . . . "We are to sail around the tip of Africa and expect to dock in Norfolk, Virginia about December 30. I hope to be able to fly home and be in Silverton on New Year's Day," wrote Dwin Davis from the USS Intrepid in the Gulf of Tonkin . . .

November 28, 1957--Some eighteen men who came here to move the oil rig out of the canyon north of town were caught in the snowstorm Thursday night without places to sleep. Thanks to Jim Jeffries and several accomodating householders who have an extra bed or two, comfortable beds and facilities were found for all . . . Mr. and Mrs. Lee Deavenport have a six-room home under construction on the east side of the street at the extreme north end of Braidfoot Street . . . Joe Lee Bomar has been a patient in the Lockney hospital since Sunday. He had a tetanus shot several days ago, and it was thought that his illness might be a result of that . . . Mrs. Clarence Anderson and Susan spent Sunday in Amarillo with Mrs. Mary Daniel and friends . . . Snow covers county followed by a hard freeze Friday night. Several farmers took advantage of the hard freeze and ran their combines in their maize fields as long as the ground would hold up their machinery . . . Louie Kitchens transacted business in Plainview Saturday . . . Mmes. Joe B. Mercer and Alton Steele were in Tulia Monday . . . Mr. and Mrs. Dick Guest and Beth were Sunday visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Chitty, Troy and LaQuetta . . .

November 20, 1947--Palace Theater changes hands; is remodeling . . . County sees week of misty, rainy weather . . . Owls clip Estelline, 25-6; meet Happy at Tulia today . . . Wilma Lee Francis has been initiated into Alpha Chi, a national honor society for high ranking students, at West Texas State College . . . John Earl Simpson announces the first carload of new automobiles in over five years was received here last Saturday by the Simpson Chevrolet Company . . . Andrew Edwards and wife of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Haskell Jackson and daughters of Tulia and W. Edwards visited in the home of Mrs. M. M. Edwards Friday night . . . Roy Morris returned Monday after a successful deer hunting

trip to New Mexico . . . With the resignation of Mrs. Leavie Lindsey as operator at the local switchboard taking effect last Monday, Mrs. Horace Leggett of Memphis is the emergency operator at present and will continue to operate the local board until about December 4 or 5 . . . Mrs. Clifford Allard, Mrs. J. S. Fisher, Mrs. George Seaney and Mrs. Roy Henderson entertained with an announcement coffee and miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. Leavie Lindsey, bride-elect of George Criswell . . .

November 5, 1925--Jim Whiteley, prominent wheat farmer southwest of town, by a deal which he closed about two weeks ago with Ernest Fowler, became secretary-manager of circles No. 1 and 2 of the Lockney Mutual Aid Association . . . Texas cotton farmers are facing heavy losses on the balance of the present crop if they continue to snap the cotton instead of picking it . . . The Francis school opened Monday morning with an enrollment of about 30 pupils . . . Manley Woods, who has been caretaker for the Courthouse and grounds for the past three years, has taken the agency for the J. R. Watkins Products in Briscoe County . . . Alton Steele recently shot a mammoth owl, crippling it in the wing and now has it in captivity. The owl is one of the largest ever seen in this section

and measures approximately five feet from tip to tip of wings . . . Ed Blakney, brother of Pete, local gin man, was seriously injured Wednesday night when he was crushed by the cotton press at the gin . . . Grand Jury returns 12 indictments . . . Miss Carabel Biffle entertained delightfully Friday night with a halloween party. Guests included Misses Fry, Christopher, Anna Lee Anderson, Reba Brown, Lois Berry, Maud Dean Burson, Marie Dodson, Bess Grigg, Bertha Mae Stevenson and Helen Fort; Mesdames Walter Lee Bain, Hugh Lusk and Dick Cowart; Messrs. Walter Bain, Hugh Lusk, Dick Cowart, Clarence Anderson, Elmer Allard, Wood Hardcastle, Clyde Todd, Neil Crawford, Emmett Puckett, H. D. Norris, Ike McClendon and Tony Burson . . .

Happy Anniversary-

November 20--Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hester
November 22--Mr. and Mrs. Mike McGinn
November 23--Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wayne Mayfield
November 26--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Ramsey

Win, Owls!

Happy Birthday-

November 20--Dianne Reynolds, Ty Rampley
November 21--Susie Younger, Tara Kersh, Michelle Warren
November 22--J. E. Patton, Pappy Hendrick, Kaleb Copeland
November 23--Cayson George, debbie Davis, Cody Whitfill, Neal Edwards, C. L. McWilliams, Mackensy Louise Strange
November 24--Andrew Scott Brooks, Laura McCammon
November 25--Brandon Kitchens, Dana Martin, Erma Polley, Carrie Ann McJimsey, Billy Cogdell, Fred Strange, Paul Ledbetter, Dustin Hale
November 26--Kay May, Louie Kitchens, Cynthia Finck, Paula Garvin, Pauline Chitty, Floyd Butler Otis IV

Owls Are
Champions!

Name Omitted From Honor Roll

The name of Joshua Maciel was inadvertently omitted from the list of honor roll students in last week's paper.

Joshua is a fourth grader in the Silverton School.



DON'T FORGET THE

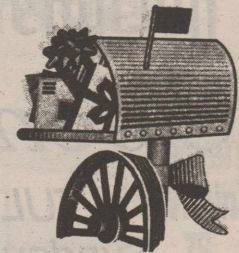
Arts & Crafts Jubilee



Saturday, November 22



at the Showbarn



in Silverton

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mexican Food Items will be served at noon by the members of Our Lady of Loreto Catholic Church.

Santa will arrive for a visit with the children at 1:30 p.m.

Come one, come all for a good time in Silverton!

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Eldrena Douma, Native American story teller, will entertain at the Christmas Open House at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Victorian Christmas Planned at the Historical Museum

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon is planning its 21st Annual Victorian Christmas Open House. The event is scheduled December 5-6-7.

Carriage lanterns light the way into Pioneer Hall. Inside, an elaborately-decorated Victorian Christmas Tree, surrounded by poinsettias, welcomes visitors to the wonders of a Christmas past. A variety of Christmas toys is displayed beneath the tree, just as a child might have found them on Christmas morning in the late 1800s.

In the Photo Gallery, vintage toys and antique Christmas Cards are exhibited. Some of the toys are from the PPHM's collection and others are borrowed from private collections and individuals. The Christmas cards are from the Museum's archival collection.

All of Pioneer Town will be decorated for Christmas. Interpreters, dressed in the costume of the times, will be in designated shops during the Open House to give narratives describing life during the 1890s and early 1900s.

In the Hall of Southern Plains Indians, a Native American storyteller entertains audiences with stories of her childhood. Cowboy poets and musicians will entertain in the Hall of Ranching. Entertainers in these areas include Eldrena Douma, Ed Montana, Doug Tollison and Jake Holster.

On the second floor, the artwork of Bud MacCaullay, Joseph Imhof, Harold Bugbee and Gisella Loeffler is exhibited in the art gallery. In a quiet area, a grandmotherly figure tells Christmas stories in front of a fireplace with sparkling embers and a braided rug in the "Storyteller's Corner."

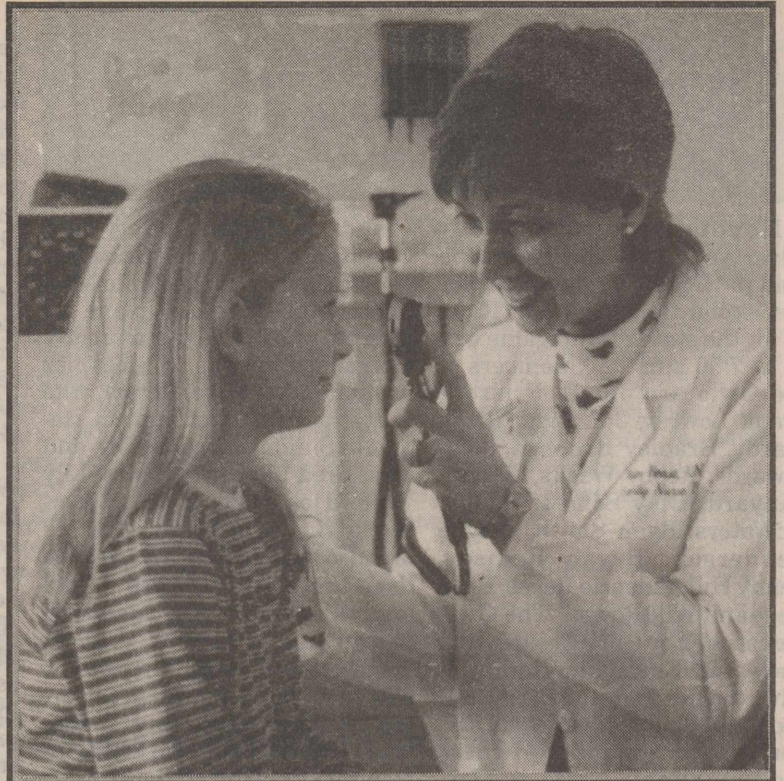
The lower level is devoted to children. Santa sits in an antique sleigh, waiting to hear children's Christmas wishes amidst an outdoor snow scene, depicting the Victorian era. Parents are invited to bring a camera and photograph their child with Santa.

Children's craft activities and games also are found in this area. The games and activities are planned to give children a Christmas experience similar to that of the Victorian Era.

Musician entertainment is scheduled throughout the three-day event. School choirs, chamber music, barbershop quartets and bell choirs make up part of the schedule.

Throughout the Museum, the sights and sounds of a Panhandle Christmas will excite and charm the 7,000-plus visitors who come to welcome the Christmas season during this annual event.

The Museum extends an invitation for all to attend. In this way, the Museum can express its appreciation to the people of the



Family Nurse Practitioner--Ruan Reast, R. N., C. S., M. S. N., F. N. P., is one of two people who will staff the St. Mary Mobile Clinic. Ms. Reast, a family nurse practitioner, previously served as the solo practitioner for St. Mary Hospital's rural health clinic in Amherst for four years.

LUNCH SPECIAL



AT THE

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Thursday, November 20

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Sunday, November 23

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Top Winners Named in 4-H District Roundup

Panhandle 4-H members from 14 of the 21 counties in Extension Panhandle District 1 qualified on November 8 to compete in the Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station June 1-5, 1998.

About 275 boys and girls competed in the 35 contests, including speaking events, illustrated talks, demonstrations and per-

forming arts. Winners received their awards in ceremonies in the Mary Moody auditorium at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Deaf Smith County had the most qualifying entries with 10 teams or individuals bound for state. Randall County fielded nine wins, Dallam had five, Potter, four, and Gray, three. Counties with two wins each were Armstrong, Carson, Hutchinson and Ochiltree. Sending one entry to state will be Moore, Hartley, Briscoe, Oldham and Sherman counties.

To qualify for State Roundup, a team or individual must have a first or second place win in the senior division, which is for 4-H members 14 years old and older. Only first place seniors in the performing arts advance to state finals. Juniors do not compete beyond the district level.

Deaf Smith also garnered the most first and second place junior-level wins with eight. Dallam and Randall counties tied with seven wins each. Hutchinson claimed six while Moore, Oldham and Sherman had three each.

Brannon Reunion Is Held at Vernon

The Brannon family gathered November 8, 1997 in Vernon for a reunion. A catered meal was enjoyed by the family at noon. Playing in the park, table games, picture taking and visiting were enjoyed by all.

The eldest and youngest members of the family were recognized. DeLois Brannon of Vernon was the eldest family member attending. Youngest was 2 1/2-months-old Shane Fisher of Chillicothe, son of Bradley and Kristi (Degan) Fisher.

The family voted to have a reunion next year in October at the Sand Road Clubhouse in Vernon.

Included among the 33 who attended were Robert, Glenda, Jayme and Joshua Kieschnick; Staci, Richie, Will and Fred Hill; DeLois Brannon; T. V. and Opal McClure; Ardell and Lois Brannon; A. J. and Janet Brannon; Charles, Debbie, Nick, Jody and Jason Brannon; Morris and Lou Degan; Kristi, Shawn, Shane and Stetson Fisher; Lynda, Irvin, Rance and Nikki Seymour; Mike, Alta and Krista Brannon.

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Obituaries



Delma Dean Masey

DELMA DEAN MASEY

Delma Dean Masey, 71, of Lubbock, passed away Wednesday, November 12, 1997. Private graveside services were conducted Friday, November 14, at Roaring Springs, Texas.

She was born December 12, 1925 to Mart and Juanita Self in the Haylake community in Briscoe County. She married Walter Masey March 5, 1949 in Plainview.

She was a graduate of Silverton High School with the Class of 1943. She worked as a librarian for the First Baptist Church in Silverton. She attended Lippert Business College in Plainview, and also was a teacher at the college.

She moved from Silverton to Lubbock in 1978. She was a dressmaker and her specialty was bridesmaid dresses.

She was preceded in death by a son, George, October 5, 1989, and a grandson, Shone, December 11, 1978.

Survivors include her husband; one son and daughter-in-law, Harve and Linda Irene Masey of Lubbock; a daughter-in-law, Linda Sue Masey of Slaton, who is a daughter of Leona Yancey of Silverton; five grandchildren, Shawnda Sue, George Trellis, John LeRoi, Theresa and Shon

Harve Masey; and two great-grandchildren, Tabatha and David Maynard. She will be missed dearly by her brothers and sisters, J. L. and Faye Self, Bill and Val Self, Mac and Deal McGowen, Roy and Lou Younger and Zobie Self.

BLANCHE COPELIN

Graveside services for Blanche Copelin, 83, were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Monday in Rose Hill Cemetery at Tulia with the Rev. Jess Little, pastor of First Baptist Church in Silverton, officiating. Arrangements were made by Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Copelin died Friday, November 14.

She was born October 10, 1914 in Waxahachie. She was reared in Runningwater and was graduated from Cotton Center High School. She moved to Silverton in 1967 and to Venus in 1996.

She married Chester Dale (Red) Copelin in 1937 at Plainview. He died in 1978. She also was preceded in death by a son, Samuel Copelin, in 1984.

Mrs. Copelin was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Silverton. She wrote poetry, set some of her poems to music, and published a booklet of her work a number of years ago.

Survivors include a daughter, Darlene Caffee of Midlothian; a son, Billy Copelin; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ELLA FERN PARKER

Services for Ella Fern Parker, 62, were conducted at 2:00 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Edwin Norris and the Rev. Elvin Norris officiating.

Burial was in the Silverton Cemetery, with arrangements made by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Parker died Monday, November 10, at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

She was born December 27, 1934, near Vigo Park, and was the sixth of the nine children born to the late Mart and Loveta

FRANCES E. VAUGHAN

Frances Evelyn Vaughan, 83, of Springdale, Arkansas died October 26, 1997 at Northwest Medical Center in Springdale.

She was born February 25, 1914, in Velma, Oklahoma to Rufus C. and Martha Huff Nicholson.

She preached her first sermon at age 14 and became licensed with the Assemblies of God in 1930 at age 16 and was ordained by the Assemblies of God in 1941 in California.

She, with her husband, pastored at churches in San Angelo, Texas for 31 years, retiring in 1991 and moving to Springdale.

She was author of the book, "Say Not I'm A Child."

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Vaughan of the home, to whom she was married in October 1931; one son, Don C. Vaughan of Ben Wheeler, Texas; two daughters, Lavelle Mauldin and Vernelle Hollingsworth, both of Springdale; one sister, Jewell Cunningham of Lindale, Texas; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at Hyland Park Assembly of God in Fayetteville with the Rev. Don Evans officiating. Burial was in Zion Cemetery under the direction of Backstrom-Pyeatte Funeral Home in Springdale.

Norris. She moved to Silverton with her family in 1936.

She attended Silverton Schools and Clarendon College. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees at West Texas State University.

She married Charlie Britton Parker on November 2, 1952, after he returned from Korea.

She taught first grade for more than 20 years in Silverton, and is known as "Mrs. Parker" to hundreds of former students.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard Norris and Lawrence Earl (Butch) Norris, and a sister, Frances Davis.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Brit and Virginia Parker of Houston; a daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Ken Yates of Midland; three brothers, Edwin Norris of Silverton, Elvin Norris of Safford, Arizona and Leland Norris of Monahans; two sisters, Cindy Thomas of Hereford and Ruby Lee of Silverton; and two granddaughters, Randi and Jeri Parker, of Houston.

Pallbearers were Michael Davis, Warren Davis, Wayne Henderson, Zane Henderson, Ken Hutson and Alan Ray Watley.

Honorary pallbearers were nephews.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to: Hospitality Apartments-HRDF Human Resources Development Fund P. O. Box 25213 Houston, Texas 77265-5213

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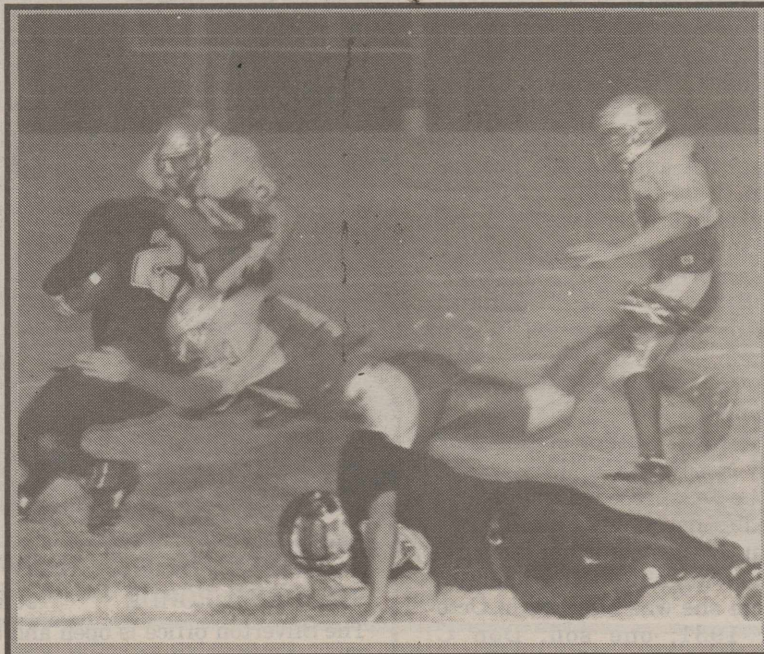
What a difference a week makes!

If there were any question marks for the Silverton Owls going into their state playoff game with the Jayton Jaybirds at Crosbyton last week, the red and white birds erased them with a flourish!

"We really got ready for this game. We wanted to show everybody we have a better defense than they think," Silverton linebacker Leland Wood said after the Owls dismantled No. 9 Jayton 31-6 in a six-man first-round playoff game before 500 soaked fans at foggy Chieftan Stadium.

The fog had been getting thicker, but during the pre-game activities rain began which improved the visibility. Jared Holt opened the game by kicking into and out of the endzone for a touchback, and the Jaybirds started on their 20. Trey Wyatt stopped their first play after a gain of three yards, and on their second try they lost the ball via the fumble and Chris Justice grabbed it for the Owls.

It rained heavily all during this first offensive series for the Owls as Jeremy Holt carried to the 27 yard line and Trey Ziegler added an apparent first down which



Jared Francis, one of the senior players for the Silverton Owls, demonstrates the technique of making a solo tackle in the team's bi-district victory over the Jayton Jaybirds last week at Crosbyton.

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was erased by a penalty which moved the Owls back to the 25. Jeremy ran for a first down on the 16 on the next play, and three straight carries put him into the endzone with 6:08 remaining in the first quarter. Jeremy also carried the PAT into the endzone and a flag which had been dropped on the play was waved off.

Jared Holt kicked off again and Jayton bobbled the ball before returning it to the 20. On third down, the Jaybirds fumbled and Wood pounced on it for the Owls on the 33.

Jeremy Holt ran for a 12-yard gain after which Ziegler added a first down. Jeremy slipped on the wet grass and went down on the next play, but moved the ball to the eight on his next try. Jack Cherry passed to Jeremy for another touchdown with 3:01 still showing on the first-quarter clock. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 13-0 lead.

Jared Holt kicked off once again, and after a third-down pass completion the Jaybirds fumbled once again. Wyatt recovered it for the Owls, but the referees ruled it was down and gave Jayton a first down on the play. The Owl defense, being led at this time by Wood, Andy Bullock, Will Hester and others, held the Jaybirds and the ball went over on downs.

This time the Owls were unable to hold onto the handle of the ball,

and Jayton recovered the fumble. The Owl defense, led by Bullock and Wyatt, held once again, and with 8:41 remaining in the second quarter, the ball came back to the Owls.

Ziegler carried to the 20 and Jeremy Holt ran to the 29 for a first down. The Owls bobbled the ball again and Ziegler recovered it for his team. On third down, needing eight yards, Cherry passed complete to Jeremy Holt for a first down, which was flagged by the refs, and the Owls saw a penalty stepped off against them for holding. Re-playing third down, Cherry passed complete to Adrian Ramirez who carried for a first down. Jeremy Holt ran into the endzone with 6:40 remaining before halftime for more points for the Owls. There was no PAT, and the Owls extended their lead to 19-0.

Jared Holt kicked off once again, and the Jaybirds returned the ball to their 26. Defense by Wyatt and other Owls held, allowing the Jaybirds a gain of only four yards, and Jayton punted to the Silverton six.

Ziegler ran for a first down on the 23, after which the Owls fumbled and Jayton recovered on the 30. The Jaybirds passed complete for a touchdown with 2:48 remaining on the second-quarter clock. There was no PAT, and Jayton had narrowed the score to 19-6.

Jayton kicked off and Wyatt controlled the onside. Cherry passed complete to Ziegler before Jeremy Holt picked up a first down on the Jayton 10. Jeremy scored as time expired in the first half. There was no PAT, and the Owls moved into a 25-6 lead.

Jayton kicked off to open the second half, and the first offensive series for the Owls failed to produce enough yardage for a first down. Jayton made a first down before having the offense shut down by Wood, Hester,

Wyatt, Justice and Bullock.

After regaining possession, the Owls were unable to make a first down, and Jared Holt punted to the Jayton 19. Defense by Wyatt, Hester, Jared Francis, Wood and others allowed two first downs before shutting down the Jaybird offense. The ball went over to the Owls on the 30.

Jeremy Holt ran for a first down on the 20, and Ziegler ran to the 10 where there was a fumble and Jay Arnold recovered for the Owls.

As the fourth quarter began, Cherry passed to Jared Holt for another score for the Owls. There was no PAT, and with 9:52 remaining to be played in the game, the Owls moved ahead 31-6.

Jared kicked off once again, and the Jaybirds made a first down before defense by Wyatt and Francis held and brought possession back to the Owls.

Ziegler carried for a first down and Jeremy ran to the 15 before making another first down. There was an incomplete pass on third down and a quarterback sack on fourth, giving the ball back to the Jaybirds.

Bullock almost intercepted an errant aerial on second down, but was unable to control the ball which was bouncing on his fingertips. The Jaybirds made a first down on the 29, after which they fumbled and recovered. They made a first down on the Silverton 25 before the defense shut them down. The ball went over to the Owls on the 16 with 22 seconds remaining to be played, and the Owls killed the clock.

A wild victory celebration took place on the field, climaxing with the presentation of the bi-district trophy to the Owls.

"The kids just did a great job," said Coach Larry Mantle. "I'm proud of all them."

The win advances Silverton (8-3), which lost its No. 10 ranking in the state after being upset by Three Way, into this week's Region I-II semifinal for a rematch with the Miami Warriors who defeated the Owls 52-45 earlier in the season.

Mantle credited assistant coach Donnie Dutton for "having kids in the right places and ready to play."

"We had a good effort from a lot of people, but especially Leland," Coach Mantle said of his middle linebacker. "He played an awful good game."

Wood, ignoring the blood between his eyebrows, said the early fumble recoveries made the difference.

"After that I felt like (Jayton) kind of quit trying," he said.

Jeremy Holt, a tough-running 5-foot-5, 152-pound junior who ended with 191 yards on 25 carries, said Silverton's early scores "set the pace. That got us fired up."

Silverton, with a substantial size advantage, would have registered the rare six-man shutout but Jayton took advantage of a fumble recovery of its own. The Jaybirds, who managed only two first downs the first half, had to

go only 29 yards to cut into the 19-0 deficit before halftime.

But Silverton quickly dashed Jayton's comeback hopes when the Owls came back to score again.

"We knew what we could do. It was just a matter of coming out here and doing it," said Jeremy Holt whose TDs came on runs of one and 33 yards and on an 8-yard dump pass from Cherry.

Neither team produced much the second half.

Jayton moved the ball into Silverton territory on all four of its second-half drives but was turned away each team.

"We got beat by a better football team," Jayton Coach Daniel Fontenot said. "They got after it."

The Owls will be matched with Miami in the second round of the playoffs. This game is to be played tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Groom. The first game between the Owls and Warriors was a good game, and this one should be no less. You'll miss a lot of action if you miss it. Be there!

Pep Rally Will Be This Morning

This week's pep rally will begin at 10:00 a.m. today (Thursday, November 20) in the Owl Gym.

The event is planned to give a special send-off to the team as they travel to Groom for the second round of state playoff games. Everyone is invited to attend.

Basketball Season Will Be a Little Late This Year

Even though the Lady Owls are going ahead with their scrimmages and regular basketball action, the Owls will be a little late getting to basketball this year.

The Lady Owls played their games with Valley Tuesday night, and have moved their Friday night game at Motley County to Saturday. The junior varsity team will play at 5:00, followed by the varsity Lady Owls at 6:30 p.m.

The junior high teams played four games at Motley County Monday.

The Owls will be joining the basketball schedule when they finish football.

Silverton School Activities

Thursday, Nov. 20--Owls vs. Miami in state playoff game, 7:30 p.m. at Groom

Saturday, Nov. 22--Lady Owls vs. Motley County; FFA District Leadership Contests at Clarendon College

Monday, Nov. 24--HS & JH G/T Field Trip to Amarillo; JH Owls and Lady Owls at Lakeview

Tuesday, Nov. 25--Wellington, here

Wednesday, Nov. 26 through Friday, Nov. 28--Holiday



Jeremy Holt, one of the region's leading rushers and scorers, continues to amass statistics that are headed for the record books. He was pictured on a touchdown gallop for the Owls in their bi-district game with Jayton last Thursday night.

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THE OWLS--(back row, left to right) Vince Cruz, Charlie Bomar, Jay Hicks, Trey Ziegler, Jeremy Holt, Jack Cherry; (fourth row) Chris Justice, Jay Arnold, Trey Wyatt, Jared Holt, Nathan Francis, Max Whitworth, Coach Larry Mantle; (third row) Paul Segura, Ryan Minyard, Andy Bullock, David Gamble, Donny Burson; (kneeling) Leland Wood, Will Hester, Jared Francis, Tyler Young, Coach Joe Crabb, Coach Donnie Dutton; (sitting) Adrian Ramirez, Clint Ivory, Amos Lopez. Photo by R Photography

Silverton Owls

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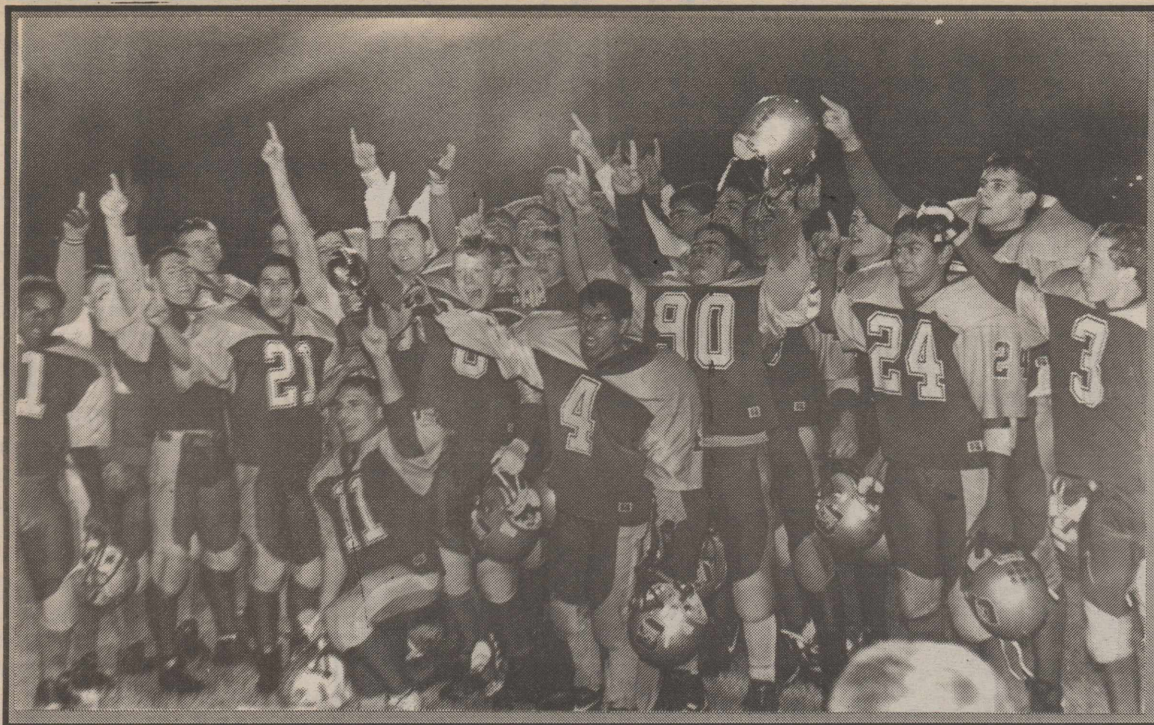
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Wednesday, Nov. 26 through

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County 4 - Hers

Compete in

Panhandle Roundup

Thirteen Briscoe County 4-Hers competed in the recent Panhandle 4-H Roundup held at West Texas A&M University.

Molly Brooks, Katy Hester, Lindsey Jennings, Tessa Kelly, Kenda Wood and Tyler Young advanced to state competition with their first place win in the senior Share-the-Fun--Celebrating 4-H category.

Christine Walls received second place in the Junior Share-the-Fun--Vocal category.

Others competing were Paige Hughes, Melissa Leal, Tara Smith, Scarlett Sperry, Enedina Valdez and Chelsea Wheeler in the Junior Share-the-Fun--Dance contest, and Kelby Phillips in the Junior Horse contest.

Thanksgiving Side Dish That Satisfies— Great to Take to Family Dinners



Take this extra-special casserole to your family gathering. It's a great new holiday side dish!

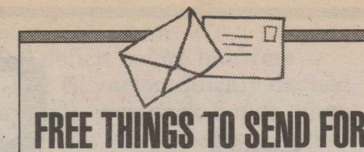
Celebrating Thanksgiving means getting together with family or friends for a festive meal. The home economists at Pioneer Flour Mills have developed a new sweet potato recipe that's sure to please the most discriminating of palates. This easy-to-prepare dish will fit into everyone's busy schedule.

For many, sweet potatoes simply must be included on the Thanksgiving menu. Make Scalloped Sweet Potatoes with Streusel Topping, an updated twist on an old favorite. The streusel is easy when you start with Pioneer Biscuit & Baking Mix. Simply combine the mix with brown sugar and butter. To complete this rich-tasting casserole, place half of the streusel in the pan, top with sweet potatoes (either freshly cooked or right out of the can), drizzle with sour cream, and sprinkle on the remaining streusel. Bake about 20 minutes and you're ready for dinner!

Scalloped Sweet Potatoes with Streusel Topping

- 1 cup Pioneer Biscuit & Baking Mix
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cold butter or margarine
- 1 can (40 oz.) sweet potatoes or yams, drained
- 1 cup dairy sour cream
- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup pecan pieces

In medium bowl, stir together baking mix and 1/2 cup brown sugar; cut in butter (using a food processor, pastry blender, or your fingers) until crumbly. Put half of the crumbs (about 1 cup) in a greased 8x8-inch baking dish; reserve remaining crumbs. Slice sweet potatoes and place in a layer over crumbs. In small bowl, stir



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News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

A Texas Department of Agriculture proposal to create a smaller Southern High Plains boll weevil eradication zone has been published in the November 14 Texas Register. A 30-day comment period will be open for feedback on the proposal.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) the proposal comes in response to producer efforts to reorganize the Southern High Plains/Caprock eradication zone created by Senate Bill 1814, 75th Legislature, 1997.

If finalized, the new zone will be subject to the same rules governing the previous zone. Producers in the new Southern High Plains Zone must vote to establish the zone and to carry out eradication activities in that zone.

PCG officials are working to obtain more details about the proposed change. If finalized the new Southern High Plains Zone would, it is assumed, have a representative appointed to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

All land not specifically included in the description of the new zone will remain in the previously set Southern High Plains/Caprock Zone.

As detailed in the Texas Register notice the new Southern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone will be composed of the following areas:

all of Andrews, Gaines and Yoakum counties; all of Terry County except for all land north of a line 1.25 miles south of the Hockley County Line from FM 303 east to Highway 385 and all land north and east of a line with boundaries of County Road 320, Cemetery Road, and a line 5 miles north of Highway 380 to the Lynn County Line; and all of Lynn County except for all land north of Highway 380 that extends from the Terry County Line east for 10 miles, then turns south to Highway 380, and runs east to the intersection of FM 212 before turning south to the Borden County Line.

Anyone with an interest in submitting comments on the proposed rule may do so in writing to: Katie Dickey Stavinoha, Special Assistant for Producer Relations, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Comments must be received no later than 30 days from publication of the proposed rule.

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) estimates that as much as 70 percent of the cotton in the Texas High Plains has now been harvested. A week of cold fronts with showers, drizzle, snow and other undesirable conditions has slowed harvest activity throughout the region.

Producers with cotton still in

the field look forward to a return of more seasonal conditions so that the remainder of the crop can be harvested. A week of cold fronts with showers, drizzle, snow and other undesirable conditions has slowed harvest activity throughout the region.

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Many area gins report significant backlogs of cotton. The weather-imposed break in field operations should provide some gins an opportunity to reduce the amount of cotton sitting on gin yards.

A return to more seasonal weather patterns in the next few days should also provide an opportunity for producers to complete most harvest activities by the Thanksgiving holiday.

Looking for agricultural news and commodity market updates? The Lubbock area provides a wealth of agricultural activity but only a few established sources of agricultural news according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG).

The following is a brief listing of these outlets with show times:

Television:
KAMC, Channel 28, Lubbock - West Texas Ag Update with Lynnette Haaland, weekdays

Radio:
KGNC, 710 AM, Amarillo Noon Ag Report with Larry DaSha, 12:00 p.m., weekdays

KRFE, 580 AM, Lubbock, AgEd with "Big Ed" Wilkes, 12:30-1:30 p.m. weekdays

Another source for agricultural information is the Texas State Network available through various local radio stations across the High Plains and in other parts of Texas.

TELCOT Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

USDA raised its estimate for U. S. 1997-98 cotton exports, but in a surprising move, also substantially elevated its production estimate. The unexpected development put heavy pressure on a market already nervous from world currency and market pressures.

USDA overwhelmed the marketplace this week as it forecast U. S. cotton production at 18.8 million bales in its November supply/demand report. The figure was sharply higher than all pre-report estimates and up 438,000 bales from the department's 18.4 million bale October estimate.

Since harvested acreage was left unchanged at 13.4 million acres, USDA boosted the production figure on the basis of a 15-pound per acre increase in average yield to 673 pounds. Despite



Helms Irrigation, Inc. of Quitaque was honored in Omaha, Nebraska, during Valmont Irrigation's Regional Sales Meeting. Pictured are (left to right) Doug Dale, territory manager, Valmont Irrigation; Kenneth Helms, Helms Irrigation, Inc., and Joe Goecke, president, Valmont Irrigation.

Valmont Honors Helms Irrigation

Valmont Irrigation has announced that Kenneth Helms of Helms Irrigation, Inc., in Quitaque, has earned the

President's Circle Award. The award was presented at the company's regional sales meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

the increase, the pound-per-acre figure still is considerably lower than the 1996 yield of 707 pounds.

As expected, the majority of the U. S. production increase occurred in the Midsouth. Crop conditions have greatly improved in the Delta, which has had good harvest weather the past month; however, many observers were surprised to learn the production estimate remained unchanged for the Southeastern U. S. In fact, a large decline in Southeastern production was anticipated because of continuous rains that were believed to hurt both quality and yield.

Some analysts, however, believe the Southeastern crop has been overstated and the U. S. crop may not be that large. "A lot of people are not going to believe an increase to the 18.8 million bale figure," one analyst said. "There are many internal dynamics that can deflate that number," he added.

World production outside the U. S. was estimated at 71.3 million bales, a net increase of 130,000 bales. The principle production changes included reductions in Pakistan, India and Uzbekistan and increases in Africa, Australia and China. World consumption outside the U. S. was estimated at 78.4 million bales, a decrease of 440,000 from USDA's October report.

USDA boosted its forecast for 1997-98 U. S. cotton exports to 7.0 million bales, from the previous month's 6.9 million bale estimate, due to "a larger U. S. supply and strong early-season export sales," according to the report.

Meanwhile, USDA's weekly export sales report was supportive to the market as it was slightly higher than most expectations. The department reported that export sales for the week ended November 6 showed a net in-

crease of 148,600 bales, up from the previous week's 114,100 bales. Featured buyers were Canada, China and Taiwan.

Much higher sales are expected in next week's U. S. export report because of low prices and massive volume in the market earlier this week. Analysts said "outstanding business" was done on November 10, when cotton plunged to new contract lows on USDA's supply/demand report, and during the following consolidation on November 11.

Although the U. S. market remains strong, many observers are

concerned the economic turmoil in Asia, which has become known as the "Asian Flu," will eventually have an effect on the U. S. market.

Jim Eiting, vice president of sales at Valmont Irrigation, says the President's Circle Award is earned by an elite group of Valley dealers.

"This award is difficult to attain," Eiting says. "In customer surveys, each winning dealership must earn a 96.5 or higher rating in three key areas of sales, service and parts."

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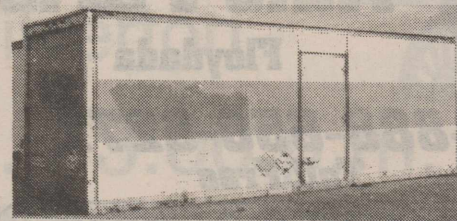
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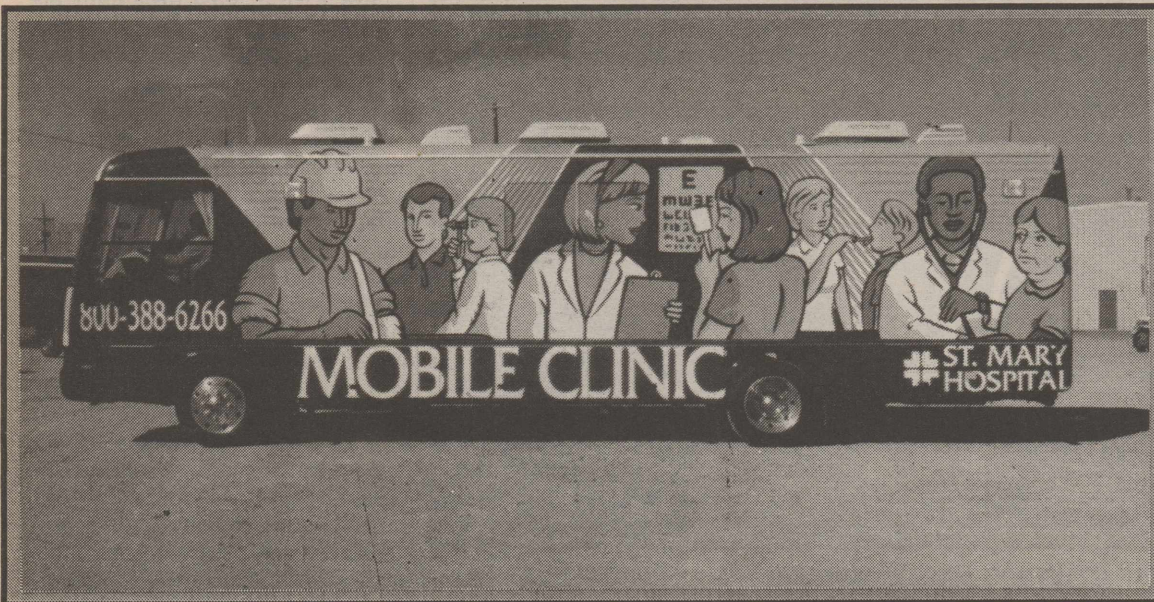
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TxDOT Joins Forces With Criminal Justice Agencies For Maintenance

With the passage of House Bill 2825 this past legislative session, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will get some much welcomed help in maintaining state roadways from an unlikely partner--the criminal justice system. In its monthly meeting, the Texas Transportation Commission authorized TxDOT to develop a program to work with criminal justice agencies. Under legislation by Rep. Allen Place, D-

Gatesville, the Texas Transportation Commission can contract with criminal justice agencies, including community supervision and corrections departments and county sheriff's departments with a county farm, workhouse or correctional center program for inmate and probationer labor.

The legislation allows TxDOT to use inmates and probationers to assist in highway improvement projects. Anticipated projects include activities such as cleaning debris under bridges, trimming trees and brush, painting, removing graffiti and picking up litter from rights-of-way.

TxDOT already has a similar agreement with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). In fiscal 1997, TDCJ inmates participated in more than 300 roadway improvement projects around the state, logging in more than 130,000 hours.

"We are grateful to Rep. Place for help in maintaining the state's massive roadway system," said David Laney, Texas Transportation Commissioner. "This legislation allows us to broaden our relationship with the criminal justice system, and with our growing responsibilities, TxDOT looks forward to working with other agencies for the benefit of Texas."

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National manufacturers displaying equipment will include AGCO, Buffalo, CASE, Caterpillar, DMI, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, New Holland, Orthman, Priefert, Sunflower and Wylie. There will be a special pavillion of Canadian manu-

facturers from Alberta, Manitoba and other parts of Canada. Attendees will benefit from the opportunity to meet with numerous manufacturers and dealers in the same day, according to Pammy Millican, Briscoe County Agricultural Agent. Meeting by the Texas Wheat Producers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and many other associations will take place during the three days of the event. Many will offer CEUs for pesticide applicator license holders.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. §214(e)

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") for the purpose of being designated an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in accordance with 47 U.S.C. §214(e) by December 31, 1997. Southwestern Bell's application is currently being considered in Docket No. 18100.

Southwestern Bell is required to obtain ETC status in order to receive Federal Universal Service Funds ("FUSFs") beginning January 1, 1998. 47 U.S.C. §214(e) requires the PUC, either upon its own motion or upon request, to designate common carriers as ETCs for service areas. Southwestern Bell seeks ETC status for its entire service area. Southwestern Bell has requested a minimum waiver for one year of the requirement to deploy toll control.

Persons who wish to comment or intervene in this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by November 20, 1997. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136, or use Relay Texas (800) 735-2989 to reach the commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477.

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 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
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 TUESDAYS:
 Baptist Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Library Opens.....6:30 p.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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 Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
 SECOND SUNDAY:
 Praise & Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 TUESDAY:
 Unit. Meth. Women.....9:30 a.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Choir Practice.....5:00 p.m.
 In-home Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
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 Evening Service.....6:00 p.m.
 WEDNESDAY:
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 Prayer Service.....8:00 p.m.

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 WEDNESDAY:
 Worship Service.....7:30 p.m.

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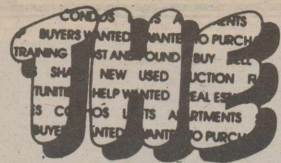
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CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our appreciation for the many cards, calls, prayers, and personal expressions of sympathy and love on the death of our loved one, Hudson Garrison Saul. Pascal, Donaleta, Lottie and the other Garrison relatives of Hudson

Dear friends,
We want to thank you for all you did for us during our time of loss. For all the food, flowers, cards and most of all, for your prayers and friendship. It is times like this that living in a small town lets you know how special it really is.

The Lottie Owens family
Dwain, Shirley,
Wayne and Zane
Eddie, Lynn and Kami
Tommy, Sonya, Rikki and
Brandon Bitner

We would like to thank all the people for the cards, inquiries, prayers and words of encouragement after John's accident and recovery. Thanks to Silverton Ambulance Service for their help. May God bless each and every one of you.

John True and Trena Burson

Thank you for every act of kindness that has been shown since the passing of my grandmother. Every flower, phone call and card has warmed our heart. We have felt so loved and will thank God more often for this little town that we call home. We are blessed!

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On behalf of Fern and myself, I want to thank all of you who did so much for u during Fern's long illness. Your expressions of love and concern were especially appreciated those last few weeks we spent in Houston. The highlight of Fern's day was mail time when she would rejoice over and over as she read and re-read the multitude of cards that came each day. Your love and prayers were a great help to both of us and our entire family.
Charlie Parker

We want to thank you for the cards, flowers and prayers. Each and everyone who called to check on Shirley while Dwain was in Houston is appreciated, as well as those who looked after each and every one of us in our loss of "Mama Fern."

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Dwain, Shirley,
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NOTICE OF SALE

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The Commissioners Court of Briscoe County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Jimmy Burson
County Judge

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